REVENUE SECRETARIAT

Bifurcation of Shimoga Taluk and the conversion of the Bhadravati Hobli into a Taluk.

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Correspondence ending with letter No. C.L.C.—28th May 1947, from the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, submitting proposals for the bifurcation of Shimoga Taluk and the conversion of the Bhadravati Hobli into a Taluk.

ORDER No. R. 3797-875—L. R. 291-45-11, DATED BANGALORE, THE 24TH SEPTEMBER 1947.

In accordance with the policy of Government to gradually convert Sub-Taluks into pukka Taluks and in view of the representations made in both the Houses of Legislature in the matter of conversion of the Kumsi Sub-Taluk in Shimoga District into a Taluk, the Revenue Commissioner was requested to furnish a report in the matter.

After examining the question in all its bearings, the Deputy Commissioner, Shimoga District, reported that, while the present Shimoga Taluk with its area and annual revenue demand was too heavy for a single Amildar to manage efficiently, Kumsi was a small town, with no chances of expansion and that the conversion of the Sub-Taluk into a Taluk with headquarters at Kumsi would cause avoidable confusion by disturbing the territorial jurisdiction of several taluks in the District, without any administrative convenience; and that, on the other hand, its absorption in the adjacent Shimoga Taluk, would be more advantageous. The Deputy Commissioner reported further that Bhadravati is growing in importance as an industrial centre and has at present a population of over 20,000 and that it would be desirable from every point of view to form a new Taluk with Bhadravati as its headquarter. The proposal was also stated to go a long way to remove the present anamolous position of the Channagiri Sub-Division having its headquarters at Bhadravati, over which the Sub-Division Officer has no jurisdiction, as the new Taluk could also go into the Sub-Division along with the Channagiri Taluk. The people of the locality as well as the members of the Municipal Council, Bhadravati, have also made repeated representations in this respect. Agreeing with the Deputy Commissioner, the Revenue Commissioner has proposed—

(1) the abolition of the present Kumsi Sub-Taluk;

(2) the bifurcation of the present Shimoga Taluk into two Taluks, *viz.*, Shimoga and Bhadravati Taluks, the two Hoblis of Kumsi Sub-Taluk being absorbed in the former;

(3) the inclusion, after its constitution, of the Bhadravati Taluk, in the administrative jurisdiction of the Channagiri Sub-Division.

The Deputy Commissioner has also suggested that pending the construction of a new building, on a site to be selected within the Municipal limits, the new Taluk Office at Bhadravati may be housed in a portion of the building now being used for the storage of foodgrains, after effecting the necessary alterations and repairs.

Government agree that Bhadravati is growing rapidly and with the projected developments and expansion will become very soon an important industrial centre and that for administrative and other reasons it is necessary and desirable to make it the headquarters of a Taluk. They are therefore pleased to sanction the proposals of the Revenue Commissioner in regard to the reconstitution of the Shimoga Taluk and the constitution of Bhadravati Taluk, as under, merging the present Kumsi Sub-Taluk in the Shimoga Taluk :—

SHIMOGA TALUK.

Hobli	*No. of Villages.*			*Population.*	*Revenue Demand.*
	Government.	*Inam.*	*Total.*		
					Rs.
1. Shimoga Kasaba.	66	21	87	39,245	48,058
2. Holalur ...	35	14	49	21,274	29,574
3. Kumsi ...	34	...	34	7,295	21,380
4. Harnahalli ...	57	3	60	10,362	34,632
Total ...	192	38	230	68,176	1,33,644

BHADRAVATI TALUK.

1. Bhadravati ...	59	9	68	29,800	48,511
2. Kudligere ...	43	2	45	5,140	42,276
3. Holehonnur ...	58	1	59	18,642	69,709
Total ...	160	12	172	53,582	1,60,496

The villages comprising the several hoblis in the two taluks will be notified separately.

The scale of establishment proposed for the two taluks, involving an average extra recurring cost of Rs. 8,692 per annum is sanctioned and appended to this order.

The new taluk at Bhadravati will come into existence as soon as the portion of the Zinc-sheet building intended to be used for the purpose is renovated and made available.

Channagiri Sub-Division will be renamed Bhadravati Sub-Division with Bhadravati and Channagiri Taluks included in it.

The Deputy Commissioner, Shimoga District, is requested to take necessary action for the acquisition of the site for locating the new Taluk Office Buildings and for getting the necessary buildings put up thereon in consultation with the Chief Engineer for Roads and Buildings.

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